



## Sinking islands? Formulating a realistic solution to climate change displacement

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### Abstract:

Forced migration from climate change has been a hot topic in academia and the media for almost two decades, partly because it puts a human face on the otherwise science heavy issue of climate change. Academics have put forward a number of international solutions for resettling displaced persons and financially supporting them and their host countries. However, these proposals often fail to account for the nature and scope of likely migration and the political realities of the international community. This Note adds to the literature by developing a framework for assessing the responsiveness and viability of any proposed solution to gaps in protection for climate displaced persons. It develops five principles based on a realistic examination of the nature and scope of climate displacement and the political realities of the climate regime, and it then evaluates leading academic proposals against those principles to discover which elements are the most efficient and realistic. Finally, this Note concludes by suggesting one possible nontreaty proposal that meets all five principles and fills existing gaps in protection.

### Source:

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### Resource Description

#### Exposure :

weather or climate related pathway by which climate change affects health

Extreme Weather Event, Food/Water Security, Human Conflict/Displacement, Sea Level Rise, Temperature

**Extreme Weather Event:** Drought, Flooding, Hurricanes/Cyclones, Landslides

**Food/Water Security:** Agricultural Productivity

**Temperature:** Extreme Heat

#### Geographic Feature:

resource focuses on specific type of geography

General Geographical Feature

#### Geographic Location:

resource focuses on specific location

Global or Unspecified

#### Health Impact:

specification of health effect or disease related to climate change exposure

Health Outcome Unspecified

#### Mitigation/Adaptation:

mitigation or adaptation strategy is a focus of resource

Adaptation

#### Resource Type:

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format or standard characteristic of resource

Policy/Opinion

**Timescale:**

time period studied

Time Scale Unspecified